Resolution # 176-614

## A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BID13013 WITH HIGH TECH LANDSCAPES INC. FOR TREE REMOVAL AND TREE TRIMMING SERVICES

## UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township Council previously authorized the Township to enter into a contract with High Tech Landscapes, Inc. (10 Culnen Drive, Branchburg, NJ 08876) for tree removal and tree trimming services with a term commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015, with an option to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, compensation was agreed to be paid at an hourly rate of \$170.00 per regular hours and an hourly rate of \$180.00 for weekend hours for a three (3) man crew, with an estimated 525 hours, totaling \$91,250.00 as an "open ended" contract; and

WHEREAS, previously, of the \$91,250.00 authorized, funds in the amount of \$20,800.00 were made available in the Parks operating budget, account 4-01-28-375-000-178, and the balance was to be made available contingent upon appropriation of funds within the FY2015 and FY2016 budgets; and

WHEREAS, with current poor weather conditions, the projected costs for the remainder of this fiscal year is projected to exceed the anticipated allocation of \$20,800.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Lou Ann Benson, the Director for the Department, to amend the amount currently authorized to \$25,800.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 have been made available in the Parks operating budget 4-01-28-375-000-178 and the balance shall be made available contingent upon appropriation of funds within the FY2015 and FY2016 budgets; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014 that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to amend and the Township Clerk to witness a contract amendment to the agreement with High Tech Landscapes, Inc. amending the fiscal 2014 authorization from \$20,800.00 to \$25,800.00 a net increase of \$5,000.00, and the balance shall be made available contingent upon appropriation of funds within the FY2015 budget or in future fiscal years.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Kala Sriranganathan, Chief Financial Officer, certify that funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 are available in Parks operating budget, account 4-01-28-375-000-178 and the balance shall be made available contingent upon appropriation of funds within the FY2015 budget or in future fiscal years. Contract # BID13013.

Kala Sriranganathan Chief Financial Officer

Lou Ann Benson

Director of Parks, Recreation and

**Community Services** 

Robert Lombard Business Administrator

Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Township Attorney
Approved as to legal form